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POST OFFICE WINDOW CLERK CHARGED WITH STEALING OVER \$38,000 IN CASH

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that STEPHEN DOUGLAS MARTIN, 56, of Sacramento, California made an initial appearance in federal court today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Edmund F. Brennan on charges that he committed 110 felony theft and fraud offenses.

This case is the product of an investigation by the United States Postal Service's Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, MARTIN was arrested this morning on a complaint charging him with misappropriation of postal funds, theft of money belonging to the post office, making false reports to the United States (70 counts), and stealing blank postal money orders (38 counts), from June 4, 2007 to March 3, 2008. MARTIN is alleged to have committed these offenses while he was employed as a window clerk at Sacramento's Historic Metro Station Post Office, 801 I Street, Sacramento. MARTIN has been employed with the U.S. Postal Service for approximately 24 years.

The charges are only accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.